- Purpose and Need in Reauthorization
 - -Participation: opportunity for public involvement
 - -Definition: project's purpose and need
 - Objectives: transportation, land use/economic growth, defense and national security

- Data Gathering Needs
 - -Logical termini
 - –Modeling for current and horizon year
 - -Timing needs for implementation
 - -Baseline conditions



- Purpose and Need to Meet Other NEPA Requirements
 - -Floodplains
 - -Wetlands
 - -Environmental Justice
 - -4(F) Evaluation



- Integration of Planning and the NEPA Process
 - -February 22, 2005 Guidance
 - -Technical Guidance
 - -Purpose and Need Statement

- Project Examples:
 - -New Service TI
 - -District Minor
 - -CMAQ Funded/ Enhancement Projects







- Court Challenges
 - -Plaintiffs (homeowners) vs. the Department of Transportation (11400 South 2002)
 - -Sierra Club vs. US Department of Transportation (Nevada 2004)



- Special Issues
 - -Multimodal projects
 - -Incorporating CSS
 - -Purpose and need for planned & programmed projects



- Frequently Encountered Problems
 - Adding variety to the Purpose and Need Statement
 - -Avoiding too narrow a definition
 - -Purpose and Need as the project foundation
 - -Engineering jargon in a public document

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- Summary of Purpose and Need Development
 - -Why this project?
 - -Why here?
 - -Why now?

QUESTIONS?